

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application Of: )  
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JOSEF FAUST ET AL )  
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A METHOD FOR THERMALLY WORKING )  
A WORKPIECE, THERMAL WORKING )  
MACHINE THEREFOR, AND CUTTING OR )  
WELDING TOOL SUITED FOR USE IN THE )  
WORKING MACHINE )

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee in the above identified application, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected on page 3 of this paper.